GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 5, 2007, 11 am

Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI Conference Room 1N-77

<u>Members Present:</u> Gloria Gillespie, JoAnn Monaghan, Pat Sorenson, DHS: Mary Mehren, Colleen Nelson. <u>Members Not Present:</u> Judy Labovitz, Ted Melinat Christine McPherson, Alice Thompson, Tracey Yokich,

1. Mandated Reporter Project

• The panel learned that DHS has a Web site for mandated reporters. Panel will be looking at how to inform mandated reporters of the Web site. The panel also wants to look at targeting certain groups of mandated reports such as the clergy. The panel will be looking at this issue further and coming up with a plan for action. This may include the development of a DVD.

During the Full Task Force meeting, Sandra Lindsey reported that the Governor's Office has a position whose function is to develop partnerships with faith communities. Also, the Ezekiel Project is an interfaith community organization, which may be a good resource. Dave Wolock reported that most faith communities have publications. Don Duquette suggested working with a representative from a faith community on how to frame the message to clergy. Sue Parrish indicated via email that there is a Native American priest by the name of Henry Sands in Detroit that would be an excellent resource for this project. Sue will send his contact information.

Sandra Lindsey also reported that the State of Michigan Medicaid Payment Office sends lots of written communication to physicians. This may be a possible way to communicate with physicians.

- Proposal from MSU (Joseph Kozakiewicz)
 Discussed proposal from MSU. Panel decided not to fund any of MSU's proposed projects.
- Mailing List for Survey & Survey Results
 Survey was sent out to 13 professional associations with mandated reporters as
 members. Two surveys were returned.

2. Permanency for Foster Children

Legislation has been introduced to make changes to the statutes related to permanency for children (mainly Binsfeld legislation). Legislative Committee will be reviewing these bills and will make recommendations. CRP will no longer be looking at this issue.

Old Business-None

4. **New Business-**None

5. **Next meeting** TBA

Minutes completed by: Colleen Nelson 10/8/07